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pany. In 1897 he received from President McKinley the appointment of surveyor general of Alaska. His work was so efficiently done that he continued in that capacity through succeeding administrations until his resignation in 1913. Colonel Distin was one of the early members of the Illinois National Guard and at one time department commander of the Illinois Division, G. A. R.

RIGHT REVEREND MONSIGNOR ANTON NIERMANN was born near Munster, Westphalia, Germany, August 9, 1831; he died in Davenport, Iowa, December 10, 1914. He was educated at the gymnasium at Munster and in the university of the same place. On January 20, 1858, he sailed for New Orleans. He was sent for training to the Carondelet seminary, was recalled in 1859 and ordained in Dubuque on March 27th of that year. He was assigned to St. Kunigunde's, afterward St. Joseph's parish, with which he was connected until his death. When he became pastor he was the only German Catholic priest in the vicinity, and was called upon to make long, toilsome trips in Iowa and Illinois. Under his direction the new St. Joseph's church was completed and dedicated on September 16, 1883. In April, 1909, his golden anniversary as pastor was celebrated, and in recognition of his piety and faithful service he was made Monsignor.

FRANK W. EICHELBERGER was born in Piqua, Ohio, August 7, 1841; he died at Ottumwa, Iowa, October 11, 1914. He was educated in the common schools of Ohio and Muscatine, Iowa, where he removed in 1854. When twenty years of age he obtained employment on the *Muscatine Journal* and was city editor from 1861-1863, and later correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*. In 1866 he removed to Ottumwa, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He began the practice in Bloomfield the same year and continued until January 1, 1895, when he became judge in the Second Judicial District of Iowa. His service as district judge had lasted nearly twenty years when his death occurred. His remains were taken to his old home and interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Bloomfield.

ALONZO C. PARKER was born in Greene county, Indiana, March 22, 1853; he died at Des Moines, November 7, 1914. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Indiana and Buchanan county, Iowa. He graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University with the class of 1876. He began the practice of law at Oelwein and remained there two years. He removed to Spencer and practiced there fifteen years. In August, 1894, he removed to Des Moines, soon taking high rank at the bar and maintaining leadership until he died.

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